

(d) the efforts being made to ensure timely supply of medicines in district hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Health being a State subject, it is for the State Government to consider introduction of E-tendering for supply of medicines in district hospitals and ensure timely supply of medicines in district hospitals.

### **Declining female population**

1131. SHRISANJAYRAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that population of females has reached at alarming position in Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, the report for the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ultra sound test of uterus is also increased in the country though it was banned by Government; and

(d) what precautionary steps Government have taken or proposed to be taken against this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Sex Ratio in Maharashtra declined from 934 in 1991 to 922 in 2001. The Child Sex Ratio (0-6 years) declined from 946 to 913. State/UT wise Sex Ratio and Child Sex Ratio during 1991 & 2001 is annexed as Statement (See below).

(c) The number of units registered in the country are 29831 as on 31.10.06. The number of court/police cases filed in the country under the Act are 417 as on 31.10.06.

(d) Government has been issuing directions from time to time to the States and Union Territories to strictly implement PC&PNDT Act and the Supreme Court Directions in this regard. The State/UTs have been requested to set up State Inspection and Monitoring Committees.

National Inspection and Monitoring Committee, which includes representatives from National Commission for Women, Department of

Women and Child Development and NGOs, regularly take stock of the ground realities by undertaking inspection and monitoring of the clinics in all the States.

A National Support and Monitoring Cell has been set up for strengthening the implementation of PC&PNDT Act.

Various activities have also been undertaken to create awareness against the practices of pre-natal determination of sex and female foeticide through radio, television and print media units. Workshops and seminars have also been organized through Voluntary Organisations at State/region/ district/block levels to create awareness against this social evil. Cooperation has been sought from religious leaders, as well as medical fraternity to curb this practice. Funds are provided for organizing *Padyatras* By Swami Agnivesh. Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA) has been provided financial support to organize workshops for creating awareness among the radiologists on this issue in the country. At the same time, sensitization of the medical community and training of judiciary has been done for better implementation of the Act.

#### *Statement*

*State/UT wise sex ratio and Child Sex Ratio (0-6 years) during 1991 & 2001*

India and State/ Union Territory	Sex Ratio		Child Sex Ratio (0-6 years) 2001	
	1991		1991	2001
1	2	3	4	5
INDIA	927	933	945	927
Jammu & Kashmir	896	892	NA	941
Himachal Pradesh	976	968	951	896
Punjab	882	876	875	798
Chandigarh*	790	777	899	845
Uttaranchal	936	962	948	908
Haryana	865	861	879	819
Delhi*	827	821	915	868

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Rajasthan	910	921	916	909
Uttar Pradesh	876	898	927	916
Bihar	907	919	916	909
Sikkim	878	875	965	963
Arunachal Pradesh	859	893	982	964
Nagaland	886	900	993	964
Manipur	958	978	974	957
Mizoram	921	935	969	964
Tripura	945	948	967	960
Meghalaya	955	972	986	973
Assam	923	935	975	965
West Bengal	917	934	967	960
Jharkhand	922	941	979	965
Orissa	971	972	967	953
Chhattisgarh	985	989	974	975
Madhya Pradesh	912	919	941	932
Gujarat	934	920	928	883
Daman & Diu	969	710	958	926
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	952	812	1013	979
Maharashtra	934	922	946	913
Andhra Pradesh	972	978	975	961
Karnataka	960	965	960	946
Goa	967	961	964	938
Lakshadweep	943	948	941	959
Kerala	1,036	1,058	958	960
Tamil Nadu	974	987	948	942
Pondicherry*	979	1,001	963	967
Andaman & Nicobar Islands*	818	846	973	957